

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

10373. Bidding; three competitive bids required; exceptions

(a) Except as provided by subdivision (b), state agencies shall secure at least three competitive bids or proposals for each consulting services contract.

(b) Three competitive bids or proposals are not required in any of the following cases:

(1) In cases of emergency where a contract is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, or safety, or protection of state property.

(2) When the agency awarding the contract has advertised the contract in the California State Contracts Register and has solicited all potential contractors known to the agency but has received less than three bids or proposals.

(3) The contract is with another state agency or with a local governmental entity.

(4) The contract meets the conditions prescribed by the department pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10380.

(c) Any agency which has received less than three bids or proposals on a contract shall document, in a manner prescribed by the department, the names and addresses of the firms or individuals it solicited for bids or proposals.

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